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Further to the RCE filed herewith, and in response to the Advisory Action mailed December 30, 2008, the following is noted.

In the Advisory Action, the examiner stated (see #3, NOTE) with respect to amended independent claim 23 as follows.

No support found in specification for “increasing in length and decreasing in thickness with increase in temperature” of the balance spring with selected doefficients (sic). Support exists only for negative coefficient of thermal expansion in the length direction, no mention of thickness direction. [Emphasis added.]

These statements by the examiner are not understood for the following reasons.

Initially, it is noted that claim 23 recites “decreasing in length and increasing in thickness with increase in temperature”, the **opposite** of what the examiner has stated is recited in the claim. Thus, while the examiner’s statement may not be incorrect, it is irrelevant to what is actually claimed claim 23 and which has been argued for allowance thereof.